

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2008-0030**

REQUIRING SUSTAINABLE WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS:

1. Sustainable water resources management is vital to California's future;
2. California continues to live beyond its means in water and energy resources. The threats of urban sprawl, climate change, water overdraft, and emerging pollutants require the State Water Resources Control Board and Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Water Boards) to stretch the scope of traditional water quality control efforts;
3. Low Impact Development (LID) includes stormwater management techniques to maintain or restore the natural hydrologic functions of a site by detaining water onsite, filtering out pollutants, and facilitating the infiltration of water into the ground. This innovative approach helps meet water quality and water supply objectives and maintain healthy, sustainable watersheds;
4. Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) have already begun to integrate LID and other sustainable water management strategies into compliance documents;
5. The Water Boards recognize the importance of continuing to apply climate change strategies and LID principles in regulatory and financial assistance programs to benefit water supply and contribute to water quality protection;
6. Training for Water Board staff and stakeholders is important to ensure successful implementation of climate change strategies and LID practices;
7. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) recognizes the relationship between energy, water supply, water quality and resource protection, and has already begun to integrate climate change strategies into its policies and program areas; and
8. Continued coordination with partners from other government agencies, non-profit organizations, and private industry and business will enhance and encourage sustainable activities within the administration of Water Board programs and activities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Continues to commit to sustainability as a core value for all Water Boards' activities and programs;

2. Directs Water Boards' staff to require sustainable water resources management such as LID and climate change considerations, in all future policies, guidelines, and regulatory actions;
3. Directs State Water Board staff to identify policies and program areas to integrate climate change strategies and comply with the goals stated in Assembly Bill 32, based on the Water-Energy Climate Action Team process;
4. Directs Regional Water Boards to aggressively promote measures such as recycled water, conservation, and LID Best Management Practices where appropriate and work with Dischargers to ensure proposed compliance documents include appropriate, sustainable water management strategies;
5. Directs State Water Board staff to assign a higher grant priority to climate-related and LID projects, particularly those that are supported by local policies or ordinances;
6. Supports training for Water Board staff and stakeholders to ensure successful implementation of climate change strategies and LID practices; and
7. Directs Water Boards' staff to coordinate with partners from other government agencies, non-profit organizations, and private industry and business to further enhance and encourage sustainable activities within the administration of Water Board programs and activities.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Board held on May 6, 2008.

AYE: Chair Tam M. Doduc
 Vice Chair Gary Wolff, P.E., Ph.D
 Charles R. Hoppin
 Frances Spivy-Weber

NAY: None

ABSENT: Arthur G. Baggett, Jr.

ABSTAIN: None



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board